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a virgin will conceive and bear a son,

- Isaiah 7:14

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Leading people to Jesus through Worship, Community, Service, and Devotion to Mary

Celebration of Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday: 6:15 p.m. Wednesday - Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m., or as announced

Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Or by appointment

PARISH

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Sacraments

BAPTISM

For detailed information related to preparation and scheduling, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

MARRIAGE

Couples should inquire at least 12 months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required. For information, contact Elizabeth DeLuca at (614) 267-9241, ext. 608 or at edeluca@iccols.org.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

If there is an emergency need for Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office. If you get the voicemail message, press "1" and leave a message on the sacramental emergency line. For pastoral care needs, please contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

FUNERAL & BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Family of the deceased loved one should contact the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241, or at icoffice@iccols.org.

OCIA

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the formation program of inquiry, discernment and instruction for adults. If you are interested in learning more about our faith and becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Ann Rivera at (614) 267-9241, ext. 605 or at marivera@iccols.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13 4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Hickey Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18 8:30 a.m. Ralph & Martha Mong † 11:00 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27 8:30 a.m. Susie Gillespie †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17 6:15 p.m. Ronald Packard, Jr. †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Jer 23:5-8; *Mt* 1:18-25 8:30 a.m. For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; *Lk* 1:5-25 8:30 a.m. Chris Mahler †

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 *Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38* 8:30 a.m. Phil Pollick †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

4:00 p.m. Beth Ann Yablonski †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45 8:30 a.m. For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish 11:00 a.m. Grace Embrey †

+ Deceased

PASTORAL STAFF

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2024

MASS TIMES	4:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
EXTRAORDINARY	MaryAnn Grossman	Diana Marie Winkler	Janet Wilks
MINISTERS	Paul Duffy	Anne Beharry	Jonathan Fortkamp
LECTORS	Layton McCallum	Steven Brobst	Daric Galden
ALTAR SERVERS	John Hoffman	Andrew Noll	Reilly Allen
	Cecilia Keller	Jocie Miller	Mayce Baird
	Elliot Reing-Hurley	Sammie Miller	Tommy Baird
	Sophia Reing-Hurley	Amanda Ruschau	Campbell Byrne
GREETERS	Hatchell Family	Walter Family	MacKinnon Family
	Edwards Family	Sue & Sophia Ruschau	Anna Laurent
	Colleen Kent	Schools Family	Willard Family
WELCOME DESK	Patty Conway	Suzanne Smith	Tara Hummer

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each with only one intention per Mass. Mass intentions are scheduled by calling the parish office at (614) 267-9241, emailing icoffice@iccols.org, or mailing your request to the parish office. We will do our best to honor the dates and times requested, but no day/time can be guaranteed. Currently, we are scheduling Mass intentions from January through June 2025.

CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The sanctuary lamps in the church burn constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of December, the three sanctuary candles were donated by an **anonymous donor**. Thank you for your generosity.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

Please join us each Sunday evening to pray the Rosary at the IC Marian Grotto at 8 p.m. All are welcome! Questions? Please contact peterjmccann64@gmail.com.

IN OUR PARISH

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

We welcome Kayleigh Grace Birch, the daughter of Patrick and Jennifer Birch, to the church and to our parish. Kayleigh was baptized on December 8, 2024.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Once again, Immaculate Conception parishioners and friends generously donated to our #GivingTuesday Initiative. We have received donations in the amount of \$10,961.90 for the Brian Muha Foundation/Run the Race Club. Thank





SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 BREAKFAST WITH THE KNIGHTS

AFTER 8:30 & 11 A.M. MASSES

PANCAKES, EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, OATMEAL & DONUTS WITH BEVERAGES TO THANK THE IC ARISH COMMUNITY FOR DONATING 4,000 LBS. FOR THE THANKSCIVING FOOD COLLECTION.

COME JOIN US!

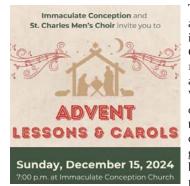
Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you we are filled with joy.

THANK YOU, COOKIE BAKERS



The I.C. Women's Club would like to thank all the cookie bakers and those who delivered cookies or poinsettias to homebound members of the parish. Thanks to those who graciously received the visitors.

We also thank the children in our School Age Child Care program who made Christmas ornaments to go with the cookie plates.



The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song with its tradition starting at King's College in Cambridge, England. In 1918 Eric Milner-White, who was an army chaplain during the First World War, was appointed the Dean of Kings College. As with many tragedies, the church, regardless of denomination, tends to suffer a great deal. To help bring people back into the church, Milner-White put together a Festival of Lessons

and Carols to provide a more "imaginative" way of worship. Traditionally, this service was done on Christmas Eve, usually with nine lessons. However, in this Advent Lessons and Carols, we will hear from five Scripture lessons which tell of the Fall of Adam, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, taking us to right before the birth of Christ. Each lesson will be followed by a carol or other song that reflects the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

Please join the Choirs of Immaculate Conception and St. Charles Preparatory Men's Choir as they lead us in this night of song prayer and reflection. All are welcome!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

YWCA FAMILY SHELTER DINNER – DECEMBER 20

Immaculate Conception is providing dinner for the YWCA Family Shelter Friday, December 20. Food donations are needed. Volunteers are also needed to help in the preparation and boxing of meals at the Family Center. For more information, or to sign up for food donations or time, go to iccols.org, Quick Links, YWCA Shelter Dinner Sign-up.

TRANE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 28/29 is the 5th Sunday collection when parishioners are asked to donate to the IC St. Vincent de Paul Conference so our IC Vincentians can help families in crises. Sometimes people need food; but more often now they need help with rent, and utilities. Our Vincentians make home visits to assess the needs of an individual or family and help if appropriate and resources are available. The demand has been ongoing, and resources are low.

Donations can be made at any time by using the St. Vincent envelope in your packet, by putting your clearly marked gift in any envelope and place it in the offertory collection or one of the candle boxes. You may also mail it to the parish office or donate online at iccols. org, Give Now, One-Time or Recurring, Fund, then St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.

HAS YOUR FAMILY SIGNED UP TO CARRY UP THE **OFFERTORY GIFTS DURING THIS HOLY SEASON?**

Parishioners are invited to carry up the offertory gifts at weekend and Christmas Masses. There are still Masses available on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, The Feast of the Holy Family, the Solemnity of Mary, and the Epiphany. To sign up, call the parish office or go to iccols.org>Parish Life>Presentation of the Gifts.

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Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 • Offertory Report 12/8/2024				
	<u>1</u>	<u>2/8/2024</u>	YTD	2024/2025
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$	26,451	\$	547,681
Loose Cash	\$	746	\$	18,696
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$	27,197	\$	566,377
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$	27,000	\$	621,000
Weekly Overage/(Shortage)	\$	197	\$	(54,623)
Families Receiving Envelopes				857
Envelopes Received				146
Families on EFT				383



Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Alternatively, text "Give" to (614) 953-6436, or scan the QR code to the left. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish. We are grateful for your generosity.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)



OUR IC KNIGHTS KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

The IC Knights of Columbus set up the outdoor display in front of the parish office. It will remain there until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

in January. Also, the "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard was erected on Olentangy River Road, facing south above Roosters.

Become a part of that! Join your **IC Council 14962!** For more information about our council, contact jim@mpex.com (614) 563-6022. Go to kofcohio.org and click on "Join Us".



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Women and men religious offer gratitude. "Sincere thanks to the donors of the Retirement Fund for Religious. I hope we meet, if not in this world, then in the next," says Sister Teresa Korycka, 81, of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Your gift impacts over 24,000 senior women and men religious, providing them a dignified retirement. To learn how your donation helps, visit **retiredreligious.org**. You may still give by using the special envelope in your packet, a clearly marked donation in the offertory collection, or go to iccols.org>Give Now>Diocesan Collections>Retirement Fund.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS LAUNCHING ITS OWN SPRINGS OF LOVE TEAM!

Springs of Love creates communities of support for those touched by fostering, kinship care and adoption. It also encourages, educates and equips Catholics to discern and live out the call to foster and adopt. The I.C. Springs of Love team hopes to offer support to foster, kinship, & adoptive families through educational programming, small groups, and parish care teams. We hope that Springs of Love will be a place for support and encouragement. One of the most powerful ways that the Church can support vulnerable

children in foster care is by offering practical faith-based support to families through Springs of Love. Please contact Stephanie Baird at sksccc@yahoo.com if you know of a family who could use support or if you would like to help.



2025 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is now accepting nominations for the **Diocese of Columbus 2025 Catholic Man of the Year**. The Catholic Man of the Year is awarded to one layman who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Nomination instructions and the *required* online nomination form are at https://www.catholicmensministry.com/catholicmanoftheyear. Submit your nomination and let us know why your husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, brother, or friend is the Catholic Man of the Year! Nominations will be accepted through January 15, 2025. Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will present the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year at a luncheon on Friday, March 7, 2025, at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Bishop Fernandes' presentation of the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch. Bring a friend and help us honor the 2025 Catholic Man of the Year.



COLUMBUS, OHIO

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the church

Take the time to experience healing and reconciliation as part of your preparation for the birth of the Lord!



All are invited to join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist during this Christmas Season.

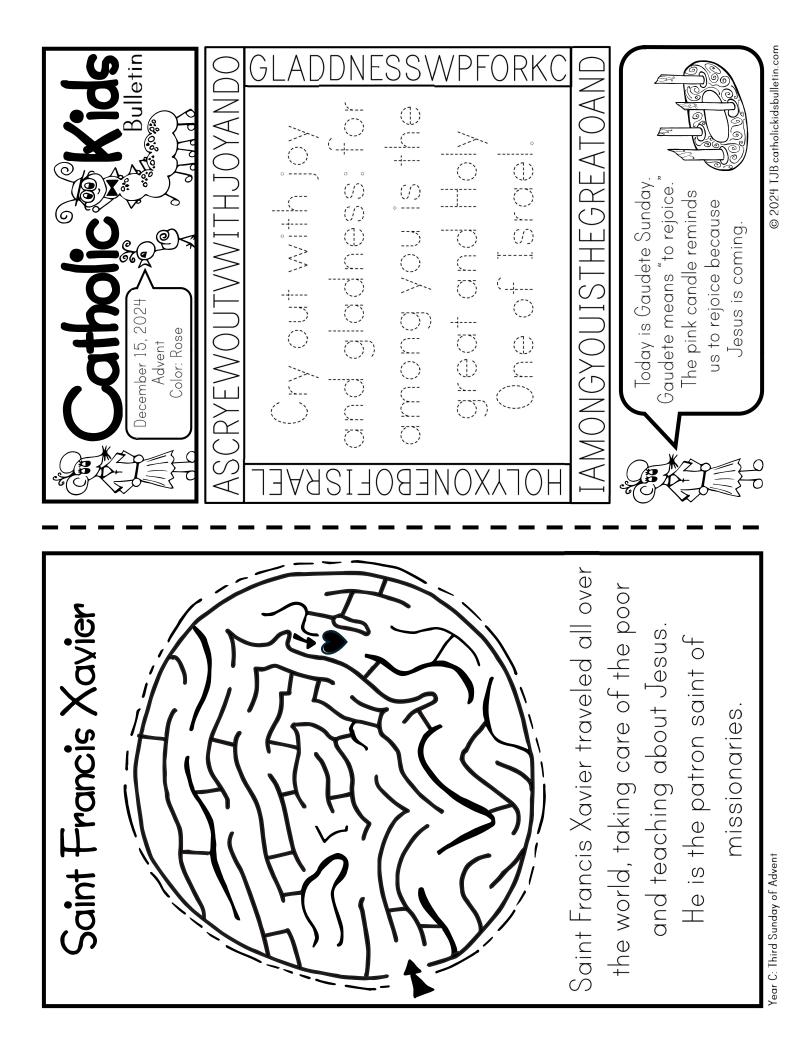
With warm wishes for a blessed and fruitful season of miracles, love and thanksgiving, may 2025 draw you closer to Jesus Christ that you may experience all the rich blessings He has for you.

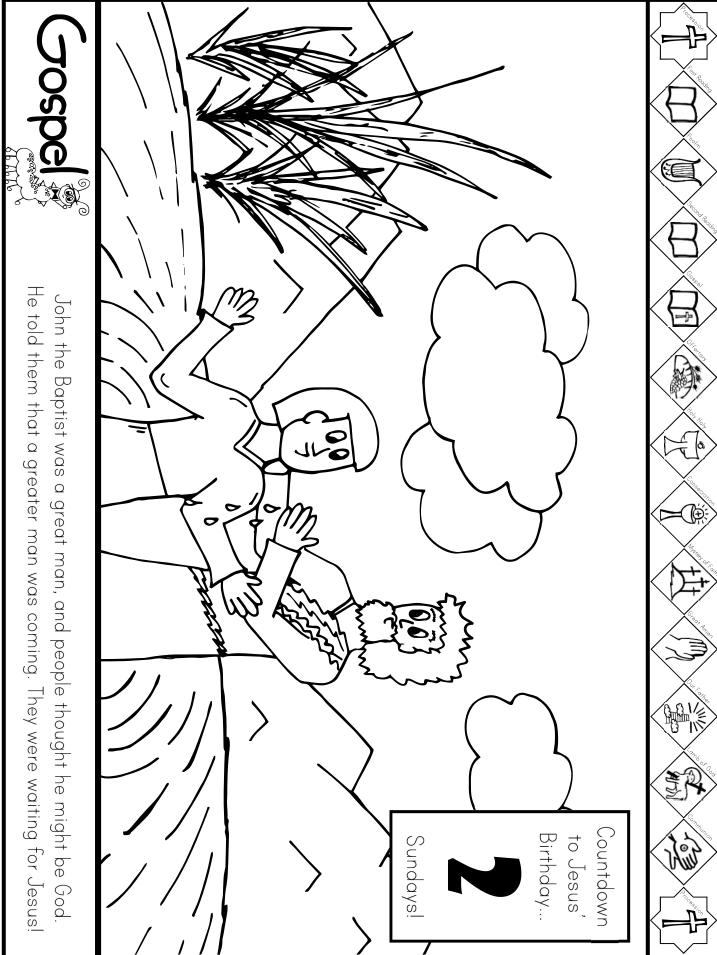
Preludes begin before Christmas Masses on December 24 & 25

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 7:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord 10:00 p.m. Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord Wednesday, December 25 10:00 a.m. Nativity of the Lord Tuesday, December 31 4:00 p.m. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Wednesday, January 1 9:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Saturday, January 4 4:00 p.m. Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday, January 5 8:30 a.m. Epiphany of the Lord 11:00 a.m. Epiphany of the Lord

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FAITH FORMATION

December 15, 2024



In the Gospel this weekend, John the Baptist calls the people to prepare and straighten up their own lives. He exhorts the crowds to share their excess possessions, to act honestly and uprightly, and to be content with what the Lord has given them. He says that he is preparing these people for the arrival of the Christ, who will baptize with fire, will gather the good into the Kingdom of Heaven, and consign the wicked to hell. This certainly seems like a dire set of warnings and an ultimately exacting sort of eternal inspection, but if we understand what it means to prepare for guests, and read this passage in the light of the Advent season, we can see it from a bit of a different standpoint.

John calls the crowds to prepare their lives and hearts, not just because of moral obligation, in conformity to a code of right conduct. Rather, he calls them to prepare so that they might be capable of receiving the love of their immanent visitor. The baptism of fire that the Christ will bring, we know, is the act of love by which Jesus unites souls with Himself, sharing the burning charity that is His divine life. He desires to bring every soul into the house of His Father, and will only send away those who are not ready to meet Him in love, who choose to reject His friendship.

We, like John's disciples, are called to change what is out of order, to give up our sins, to live honestly and uprightly, to give what we do not need to those who are afflicted, in short, to straighten ourselves up. Of course, we don't do this simply to pass inspection. We prepare our souls because we wish to show love to Christ our guest, soon to arrive at Christmas, and we want to be ready for a peaceful and joyful visit with Him. We prepare our souls so that when He comes to us with the gifts of eternal life and love, nothing can distract us from receiving them with our whole heart.

https://queenofapostles.org/commentary-for-third-sunday-of-advent-year-c-by-father-j-rampino/

Discover how Mary guides us through Advent

As we walk through Advent, a season steeped in expectation and holy longing, we find no better companion than Mary, the Mother of God. She who carried the Light of the World beneath her heart understands better than anyone the profound meaning of Advent waiting. During December, the Church gives us two significant Marian feasts - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - that enrich our understanding

of how to prepare for Christ's coming.

A Heart Prepared from the Beginning

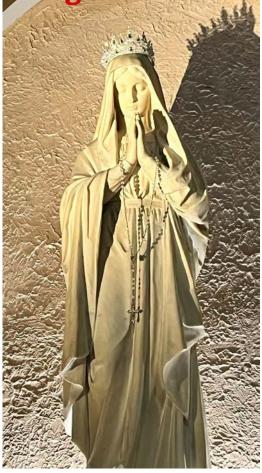
The season of Advent barely begins before we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. This feast reveals God's remarkable preparation for the coming of His Son. From the first moment of her existence, Mary was preserved from original sin, making her the perfect vessel to carry the Word

made flesh. As the angel would later proclaim, she was "full of grace" - not by her own merit, but by God's anticipatory action.

This profound mystery teaches us something essential about Advent preparation: God always takes the initiative. Just as He

prepared Mary from the beginning for her unique role, He continues to prepare our hearts to receive Christ. The grace we need for our Advent journey is already being offered. Like Mary, our role is to say "yes" to this divine preparation.

https://www.saintjohnpc.org/



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SACRED MUSIC OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Join the St. Paul Adult Choir at 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 14 as they tell the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. This concert will include scripture readings, choral pieces, and familiar carols for all to sing! 313 North State Street, Westerville, Ohio.

SCAM ALERT

Scammers are very busy this time of year! They may pose as a grandchild, who desperately needs money. They may say you have won a prize, and they need your financial information to pay a processing fee so they can send it to you. - OR - They may message you posing as Reverend Matthew Hoover at Immaculate Conception, asking "If you have a moment I have a request I need you to handle discreetly. I am currently busy in a prayer session; no calls, so just reply to my email." This is a definite scam which you should delete immediately. Fr. Matt will never make a request like this. If you have any doubts, please call the parish office to confirm if a request is legitimate.

SCHOOL NEWS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Christmas Boutique – School Open House – Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that helped transform Marian Hall into a magical Christmas Boutique last week! We also thank all the parishioners who shopped after Masses and those

who toured the school during the Open House and checked out the updated restrooms and teachers' lounge.

ST. CHARLES

Novice Wrestling Program - The 2025 Cardinal Novice Wrestling Club will be hosted at St. Charles Preparatory School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:15-7:30 p.m., between January 7 and February 27, 2025. Open to boys and girls in grades K-8. Cost is \$120 for the 16 sessions. To register or for more information, please contact Vince DiSabato at wrestlingcoach@scprep.org.



A GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you and your spouse all the tools for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Give the gift of an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience February 7-9, 2025. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Location:

Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH. Other weekend dates are available on our website. Apply at WWME.org or call Don and Kim Downs at (614) 893-1935 or scan the QR code. Early registration is recommended.





MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Every Christmas season, we decorate our church and sanctuary with poinsettias in memory of our deceased loved ones. If you would like to contribute

to our Christmas flowers, you may do so by ordering through the parish website at iccols.org, online at https://bit.ly/3zrDRC7_ Poinsettias or by placing your order in the offertory collection, or mail or drop it off at the Parish Office. Your \$10.00 donation will not only honor someone special in your life, but it will enhance the beauty of our worship space during the Christmas season.

IN ORDER TO PUBLISH THESE NAMES IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN, NAMES AND DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 16. (Please print.)

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